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Attention: Ms. Dawn Roberts

RE: e-NEPA Electronic Filing
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High Speed Rail Empire Corridor
Tier 1 Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) is submitting the Tier 1 DEIS for the High Speed Rail Empire Corridor Project (Tier 1 DEIS) for inclusion in the Federal Register. This Tier 1 DEIS is provided pursuant to the regulations promulgated by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) to fulfill FRA's obligations under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

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- This filing letter
- Tier 1 DEIS – High Speed Rail Empire Corridor –Volume 1
- Tier 1 DEIS – High Speed Rail Empire Corridor –Volume 2
- Tier 1 DEIS – High Speed Rail Empire Corridor –Volume 3
- Tier 1 DEIS – High Speed Rail Empire Corridor –Volume 4

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• The Community Library	110 Union Street, Cobleskill, NY 12043	518-234-7897

All comments regarding the Tier 1 DEIS should be sent to the Federal Railroad Administration at the address below:

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For further information regarding the Tier 1 DEIS distribution, contents, or the project, please contact Ms. Michelle W. Fishburne, the region Environmental Protection Specialist, at (202) 493-0398.

Sincerely,



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